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METHOD FOR WITHDRAWING A TERMINAL IN A CONNECTOR

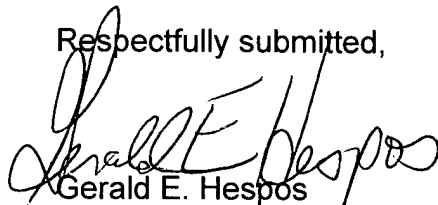
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This Information Disclosure Statement includes a copy of Form PTO-1449 that identifies one U.S. patent and four Japanese references. Copies of the Japanese references are attached as well. The relevancy of JP 2000-223238 is described in paragraph 0005 of the subject application. The other references relate generally to the state-of-the-art as described in paragraphs 0002-0004 of the subject application. The Examiner is requested to consider these references during the examination and to make the references of record.

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		2000-223238	2000	Japan				✓
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